New Contracts Arrive in Washington-Managers Don't Worry Over Strike

COME TO GRIFFMEN

From Montana They Will Go to Players.

SIDES PROTECTED

Doubtful If Any Athlete Will Refuse to Sign Papers for Coming Season.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The new baseball contracts, con sidered by some as sufficient to stir up rebellion in the hearts of the players, have arrived in Washington and, as soon as Manager Griffith gets here from his visit to Craig, Mont., they will be sent out to those players not under contract for 1917. The Old Fox is due here Sunday.

Walter Johnson's war-time con-tract another year to run, but he is one of the few players now signed for the coming season. Most of the others will be required to attach their names to fresh papers. In all, only three or four of the Griffmen are now under contract to the Washington club.

The new form of contract, drawn up by skilled attorneys in order to withstand such assaults as those said to be fully equable, but assures the clubs of their property rights in the players. The reserve and ten-day clauses are in it, but the player is given every protection.

It is doubtful if any of the Griffmen will decline to sign for the com-ing year. Manager Griffifth will ofno player a contract for more than one year.

McRoy Is Optimistic.

Robert McRoy, vice president of the Cleveland Indians, is most optimistic the American League. He had a little sium as the opener of the scholastic series. Central is playing Eastern in chat with Henry P. Edwards, a Cleveland writer, the other day, and here is what he said:

"Although the American League, and Cleveland in particular, had one of the greatest seasons in its history, I believe the 1917 campaign will prove even more successful. Last season seven clubs were in the race. I figure those seven will again be in the thick of the fight in '17.

Cleveland set the pace in 16 for sixty-five days. We will be right up there as long or longer in the season to come. We will have a stronger team, and barring accidents will have considerable to say about the disposition of the pennant. I am not claiming the pennant, for there are several other seams as strong as we. But we have a well balanced outfit, and we will be better fortified in case of accidents, for we are going to carry more subs of ability than we did last sea-

Indians Need a Few.

That the Indians need a few players is shown by those they have for trial next spring. Third base seems weak, and at least another outfielder is a necessity. So, too, as last sea-son, that twirling corps may need a lot of bolstering before it can go through an entire season.

O'Neill, Daly, Deberry, and Billings does most of the work, anyhow, the others merely filling in.

Morton, Bagby, Coveleskie, Klepfer and Boehling will very likely be the regular twirlers. In addition there Coumbe, Gould, Dickerson, Lam beth, Smith and Petty. Fohl may get

together a capable staff out of that bunch, but that remains to be seen. Gandil Sure to Stay.

Chick Gandil is almost sure to stay at first base for the Indians in 1917. He led all the league in the field, and hit well enough to remain on the job. Louis Guisto, according to Cleveland

a big leaguer. He was a wonder on the Pacific coast, but that is not the American League. Guisto, despite his and the club on which the player had booming, must produce the goods un-Harris, from Chattanooga, is said

to be quite a first baseman, but he has also played in the outfield, and may be tried out in that position. Marty Kavanagh and Ray Miller, a bush leaguer, with Ivan Howard, are available for first base, so Fohl should not worry much over that position.

Third Base a Weakness.

Walter Barbare, former star of the New Orleans club, is being touted for the third base berth. Barbare was up once before and failed miserably as a batsman. It is said that illness handicapped him and that he should be better next season. If he is, a weak place will be filled, for Joe Evans, with all his speed and fielding sielli, is not a major league baisman.

shortstop's job. That settles that. At second Bill Wambsganss Terry Turner are expected to battle for the regular berth. Wamby is a pretty good ball player and may beat but the veteran, whose aged limbs are spring. Haas was with the Mackmen there will be a tussle.

Speaker Strong Power.

Tris Speaker is a strong power for fifteen free tickets. evil against all competitors, and he will, of gourse, carry the brunt of the attack next season. On defense won 291 in the National League and Bush and Vitt, all veterans and three there are few better middle fielders often been thought that Christy new players—Dyer, from the Denver so there isn't much more left to be

Grancy is still a lively old fellow and good for a regular job.

Bobby Roth is a good batsman, es pecially against southpaws, but he is wonderful outfielder, and he not a wonderful outfielder, and he may have to share rightfield duties with some other player.
All in all, the Indians hardly look

more formidable than they did last year. Their possible success seems to hang upon what the pitchers do.

May Equal Cy Young.

"Uncle Cy" Young, who closed his

NEWEST CONTRACTS , RIVAL TEAMS MAKE · SHOW IN WINNING

As Soon as Old Fox Arrives Business and Western Take Games From Epiphany and Alexandria.

> Business and Western, rivals for pasketball honors for the past two years, and slated to oppose each other Friday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. in the opening High School League game, got away with wins yester-

> day.
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> Both teams played games in their own gyms which accounts for the fact that they were a bit better than the teams which opposed. Business nosed out the Epiphany Gym team by 27 to 26. Epiphany gave the Business lads a run for their money and really outplayed the Business team. In shooting baskets from the floor Epiphany got ten, Cat-lin and Tabb making three each.

McDonald Makes Good.

For Business MacDonald, the giant center, made good with five baskets. Buck Wise caged two and Towbes got the same number. Buck Wise, in shooting from the foul line, manage, and won as Tabb negotiated but six. Alexadnria came up with a patched up team which failed to do itself justice. At the end of the first half the score stood fourteen all. In the second half Western got going and doubled the score which ended 38 to

19 in favor of the Red and White. Western shot fourteen baskets from the floor, Johnstone making five. Sommers, for the visitors got four, Sommers, for the visitors got four, while Chamberlaine of the home team and Groves shot four each.

Will Play Teday.

The Westerners will journey over to Gonzaga today to play the team at North Capitol and I streets. Western has had little chance to get games this seson as a late start was made. The team is a green one, but has shown improvement in every contest. Friday's game with Business will regarding the coming campaign in be played at 2:45 at the "Y" gymna-

> the second part of the double- header. Swimmers Prepare.

Central is preparing for the winter swimming campaign. Plans announced some' time ago have been definitely settled. An interclass meet will be held on Tuesday at 2:30 g. m. On January 12 the Washington Swim-ming Club will be met in a dual meet. Events for the dual meet have been announced by Coach F. J. Brunner, of the Central team, as follows: 50, 100, 220 vard swinms, 50-vard back stroke, 50-yard breast stroke, plunge for dis tance, fancy diving and 640-foot relay

During the intermission the Central life-saving crew will give an exhibi-tion and some demonstrations of the more buoyant ways of floating and

Captains of the class teams at Central have been named as follows: Sen-ior J. Call; junior, V. Bauchamp; sophomore, S. Houstan, and, freshman, Rich Newby.

TO PROTECT CLUBS

Charlie Ebbets Offers Amendment to Solve Draft Problem.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 -- President form a fair catching corps. O'Neill Charles H. Ebbets, of the Brooklyn club, who recently came to the front with the best solution of the troublesome draft problem that has yet been drawn up in baseball, now comes forward with a new amendment to the draft rule. The purpose is to protect of Detroit Tigers to be taken to Texas found in the history of the ring, or the major league club owners from paying out money and getting nothing in return, as has happened fre-

quently in recent years.

The amendment provides that in the event of a drafted player refusing to report to the drafting club, the money paid for him shall be returned by the club from which he was draft. writers last fell, was far from being death before reporting time the drafting amount shall be divided, share

> The amendment was suggested by some recent experiences of the Brooklyn club. In 1914 Brooklyn drafted the Brooklyn club. In 1915 Player Barth was drafted from Seattle and he died in November, the Brooklyn club losing \$1,200 in this draft. In 1915 Infielder Reilly, who was

> drafted by Brooklyn from the New orleans club, entered the sugar refining business and failed to rein this draft had not fleilly consented late in the season to join the Atlanta which paid the draft, price for Other major league clubs have suf-

WILL TRY OUT HA'AS.

CHICAGO. Jan. 3.—Bruno Haas tively. southpaw pitcher, will be given a trial in the White Sox outfield next make up the catching staff. out the veteran, whose aged timbs are filled with creaks and things. But in 1915 for a while, and wildness there will be a thasle.

The will be a things. But in 1915 for a while, and wildness caused his release. He passed sixteen Yankees on June 23, 1915, surpassing Carroll Brown's record of

> won 291 in the National League and Mathewson, now manager of the Cincip, of the Western League; Jones, cinnati Reds, might equal this mark, from San Francisco, of the Pacific but Matty is all done as a big league Coast League, and Ellison, from Mus-performer and his victories total but catine, of the Central Association. Ful-

> 360 games. Walter Johnson, the star of the dropped. American League, may win as many big league games as did Cy Young from Charlotte, of the North Carolina before he passes out of the circuit, but it is doubtful. Johnson's easy motion , is what may carry him through.

To win 500 big league ball games means practically twenty years of leave for the training camp on March service under the main tent. John 3, and the other player on March 10. son has a long way to go to pitch Nine games with the New York Starsond career a few years ago, hung twenty years in fast company, but he Giants will feature the training cammay solvictories in the big show. He may achieve the well-nigh impossible, paign of the Tigers.

MAY BUY CARDINALS

Bobby Quinn Willing to Take a Chance, if Fans Are Satisfied. CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.-Bobby Quinn,

who recently sold his Columbus club to Joe Tinker, is an active bidder for the St. Louis Cardinals. Quinn is willing to purchase the club, if Mound City fans offer no opposition,

"Yes, I'm looking for a major league ball club," admitted Quinn here yesterday. "Furthermore, I'm put moncy into a club unless the fans letes. of the city are with me. If I can be shown that St. Louis will stand behind me, I'll go ahead."

ATHLETIC ADVISERS WILL MEET TONIGHT

Details of Basketball Series and Eligibility Rules To Be Discussed.

Representatives from Technical Western, Business, Eastern, and Central have been called together for the first high school athletic advisers' meeting of the year at the McKinley Manual Training School tonight.

Details of the basketball series to start Friday at the Y. M. C. A. will be gone over while remaining footfrom last fall will be taken up. In addition, the advisers will probably consider the new eligibility rules which have been drawn

Washington high school athletes play their games under what is thought to be the strictest set of rules in the country. Residence rules and scholastic rules in force are thought to be drastic and will stand.

Minor Rules Obsolete. There are several minor rules Benny's silence this winter. which were made in 1906 and which have held since that date, now considered as having no bearing on the schools at present.

Several new studies have been added to the curriculum which are not included in the present rules, and such matters as the time of quarters in football games have never been changed to keep page with the change in the football code.

Other matters of eligibility, such as the residence rule and attendance at other out-of-town schools may be champion. That he has not fought a taken up. During the past year ad- decision bout since means nothing. He visers have asked for several species still champion. Defeating Gibbons cial rulings not included in the present eligibility code.

Birch Was Chosen,

These matters will probably be gone over at length tonight. At a since his arrival in this country and, recent meeting of the advisers. Leroy | if he shapes up as well as he is press-Birch, of the McKinley Manual Train- agented, he should put McCoy away ing School, was elected chairman of the board to take the place of Wil-liam J. Wallis, of Eastern, resigned. The board is composed of Leroy Birch, Technical; Claud J. Schwartz, Eastern; Bryan Morse, Western; Robert Maurer, Central, and Paul White.

It is hinted that some matters in Year cross-country race. regard to coaching teams will be brought up at tonight's meeting. One er two of the advisers have intimated that conditions in recent games have not been satisfactory.

WILL TAKE FIFTEEN

Jennings Will Try Out That Number of Pitchers at Camp.

four catchers, seven infielders and for the training campaign early in even of the Australian ring. Before March. Hugh Jennings, leading all Americans will take him seriously he other major league managers in an- will have to-meet some of his many nouncing his spring plans, has given out all the details, incidentally bring-ing home the fact that the advance on the Southland by the major league players will set in within eight weeks. Detroit squad, the largest to be taken South since Jennings assumed charge, contains almost as many recruits as veterans.

Pitching has long been the weakness of the Detroit teams and the Peppery Chieftain hopes to start building up new staff from the system. He has to be tried out this spring. He has maller leagues for most new staff from the squad of youngsters Howell from the Chattanooga club and paid \$1,500 for him. He entered a law office and refused to report to an pitchers-Dauss, Coveleskie, Boland, es, Cunningham and Mitchell-to the Texas training camp.

Ehmke In Newcomer.

The newcomers are Ehmke from Scranton, New York State League; Car-The club would have lost \$1,500 roll Jones, from Clinton, of the Central Association: J. D. Couch, from San John T. Woods and J. Alten, from Portsmouth, of the Virginia League; Herbert W. Flanagan, from Muscatine, fered in the same way, hence the of the Western Association; Watson, amendment which Ebbets proposed. from Denison, of the Western Associafrom Denison, of the Western Associa-tion; Carl F. Acten and Monre Swarts, semi-professional pitchers from Spring-field, Ohio, and Dayton, Ohio, respec-

Three veterans and one newcome are Stanage, Spencer and McKee, and the recruit is Yelle, from the Providence Club of the International League Tigers for three seasons, will go to the Pacific Coast League.

Three New Infielders.

The infielders will be Burns, Young ter, extra infielder in 1916, has been

Veach, Heilman and Harper.

The Detroit pitchers and catchers will

BOBTHAYER'S Sporting Gossip

Some day the East will send its best eleven to the Coast to try its luck.

George Green believes that bowlers should practice with both arms, "thus deriving the greatest benefit." Green looking for a chance to buy the Car- ought to know this thing, being an dinals. But it would be foolish to experienced and capable coach of ath-But does George train his forward passers to use both arms, or his baseball players to use both arms? If he does, and his teams are corre spondingly "benefited," we take off our hat to him. This is but the old Japanese theory, this strengthening both sides of the body equally, even to using both hands to write. have you ever seen a champion in anything equally good with both arms, such as a shotputter, for in-

> A salt mine in Transylvania with an echo sending back the voice sixteen times. What a wonderful place to send boxers and managers of box ers-or Benny Kauff.

time he was filling columns of New ciation for designation as a tennis York newspapers with his predic- center. This will take place at the tions. He was going to do this and annual meeting of the association, to do that and do the other. Then came be held in New York, February 9 rival a matter of great interest. And suggestions for increasing the numhe didn't get a hit for two weeks in ber of tournaments for juniors and Texas. Then came the National League campaign, with Benny hitting around .100. And when the season closed he had learned the difference between the Federal League and the major league. No wonder Benny is quiet these days. His press agent of a year back is suing him for hard earned money, too, come to think of it. This is also an explanation for

Brooke Brewer continues to show his heels to all competitors.

Les Darcy choose Al McCoy as his first opponent in America. Don't laugh. McCoy has the most legitimate claim on the middleweight title. Frank Klaus was champion until George Chip defeated him. McCoy put Chip away and, perforce, became or Dillon or Miske might give Darcy ing McCoy will give the title. The Australian is being guided wisely Then he can defend his championship against Miske, Dillon, Gibbons, and the others.

Baltimore writers don't seem to

Coming back to Darcy, it must be by announcing that his sole intention | ident Woodward, of the U. S. G. A. in coming to his country is to recoup to fight. They are not supposed to ment relative to President tralians have now facing them 'the DETROIT, Jan. 3.-Fifteen pitchers, grandest little county fair in the world. Durcy's record, when examin-

challengers and defeat them decisive ly. He cannot become popular by going upon the stage or following the example of Freddie Welsh in picking Temons.

Now the Washington baseball club end the annual meeting? Is ready to start upon the Glad New Club resent this insinuation, for they

by his laconic statement, Not an out prejudice or bias, realizing that the question is much bigger than the alibi to our names. We ran into a disqualification of these three men. bunch of football that was a cross and can be finally settled only along between a zip of forked lightning and broad lines. They have been serious the roll of a fast freight. We were ly handicaped by their failure to get licked by a better team; just let it go at that." All the world, especialing the charges under which the ly the world of sports, admires a qualifications were made and by the good loser, and Bob Folwell certainly refusal of the Massachusetts repreis that. It must be a great disappointment to him to have his Penn leven humbled by Oregon, but there sn't a quiver of that in his after thesame speech. Folwell harks back to of the Massachusetts Golf Associathose olden days when Pennsylvania tion, where forty-one clubs were repwas a power in athletics. The longer he is in power at Pennsylvania, the more will the example of those olden general feeling is that a very large days be seen in the work of Quaker majority of golfers of this country cams and athletes.

Maybe Carpentier prefers a decis on over the Kaiser before obtaining ne over Les Darcy.

fork, Boston, Philadelphia, Washingon, Chicago, and Cleveland are in the van of the effort to make athletes out of well nigh all of us. Municipal golf courses, municipal tennis courts, municipal football gridirons. nunicipal baseball diamonds, and municipal swimming tanks are being prepared everywhere all over the country. We are all asked to come State boxing commission has authorout into the open air, and do what we may to keep alive. No such movement barring that for prohibition—has been seen in this country in years, parson already has organized a box-And no better movement has ever been seen here, either. Put away your medicine bothes and go outdoors. "Boxing is not w Rev. Wedge said." That's the word today. And it is a ling with mitts is a good thing for

CLABBY IN NEW ROLE

May Return as Manager of Miss Durack, Australian Swimmer. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 .- Jimmy

Clabby may become the manager of

Miss Fannie Durack, the Australian swimmer, who holds all the world's records for women from fifty yards up to a mile, for an American tour.

According to a letter received here several Sydney bookmakers venture. Some time ago there was plan on foot to bring Miss Durack to America for a tour, but it was abandoned. If Clabby does come to this country with the noted swinfmer it will not be before February of

WASHINGTON NAMED AS TENNIS CENTER

United States Lawn Tennis Association Would Boom Outdoor Game Here.

Washington will be recommended Speaking of Benny, he's rather to the annual meeting of the United quiet this winter. Last year this States National Lawn Tennis Assoboys that will be brought to the delegates' attention.

In selecting for this purpose some forty-five cities throughout the United States, thought has been given not only to the geographical position of each city, but to its position in the tennis world as well. For such reasons the designation that Washington has received will be of great significance to tennis fans.

the game is flourishing. A few cities have been selected, flowever, largely the expectation that such help as the give local enthusiasts in promoting these tournaments for the youngsters have coached the winner today, no will result in greatly increased in matter upon which banner victory is terest.

Present indications are that 1917 will be the greatest season the game has ever known—partly due to the champion. That he has not fought a widespread interest that is expected decision bout since means nothing. He to develop in connection with these is still champion. Defeating Gibbons or Dillon or Miske might give Darcy in which a serious effort is being a far greater reputation, but defeat made to start the beginners in the way they should go, and the response to the efforts already put forth has been amazingly cordial.

CRITICISM RESENTED

Woodland Club Takes Exception to Remarks of President Woodward.

have enthused much over that New been working in the interests of and President Hempstead, of the New Francis Ouimet, Paul Tewksbury, and aid in the venture. John Sullivan for reinstatement as amateurs at the coming meeting of admitted by him and his advisers that the U. S. G. A., are up in arms today strides last fall, and has come to he has failed to hit a popular keys over the statements credited to Pres. stay. Irving F. French, secretary of the his bank roll. Fighters are supposed Woodland Club, today issued a state run away from a fight. Yet all Aus-tralians have now facing them the Club takes exception to the remarks made which are discrediting to the manship of Massachusetts golfers as

"President Woodward's statements attempt to becloud the issue, which will be thoroughly threshed out at the U. S. G. A. meeting," says the

statement. "This article claims that 'known facts have ben deliberately withheld, and 'tremendous efforts have been put forth by a number of Massachusetts golfers to prejudice the minds of the delegates who expect to at-

have been most careful to give out only facts which can be substantiated Bob Folwell has made many friends and have tried to state the case witha written statement from the executive committee of the U. S. G. A., givsentative of the U. S. G. A. to appear before their boards. Massachusetts golfers are

much aroused over this apparent disresented, an overwhelming vote was passed asking for the repeal of the ruling, which is so obnoxious. The are not in sympathy with the action of the U. S. G. A., and that the execu tive committee is trying to force their own personal feelings in spite of the sentiment against them.

"Golf has obtained too great a hold upon the aport-loving American Everywhere is the movement for public to be handled by star cham-municipal sport on the boom. New ber methods, and the failure of the U. S. G. A. executive committee to give the facts to the public is a serious indictment against them."

BOXING IN CHURCH

Wisconsin Commission Grants Li cense to Reverend Wedge.

RHINELANDER, Wis., Jan. 3 .- The barring that for prohibition-has be issued to the few elterweight. The

"Boxing is not wrong in Itself," the

BROTHERS TO SEE THEIR TEAMS PLAY

pose Each Other When G. W. U. Meets Navy.

It will be brother against brother today when the Navy entertains George Washington University at Annapolis in the basketball conflict. Jim Colliflower, coach of the Navy

team, will pit his charges against brother George Colliflower's George Washington quint, and according to those who have followed the teams closely there will be something doing. George Washington is expected to line up as follows: Giacomo, right forward; Almon, left forward; Ellison, center; Groesbeck, left guard, and Billies, right guard. The Hatchetites makes no bones of saying they are

Practice All Week.

At the Y. M. C. A. during the holfdays the Hatchetites have put in a week of good practice. Those who have seen the team in action declare it is vastly improved over the five which defeated Maryland University and Gallaudet.

The Hatchetites cannot discount the training trip, with his late ar- This proposal is in connection with the fact that the Navy floor is the most difficult in the country to play on. Upon a base of concrete has which according to players is most

Navy is not only strong, but has the advantage of knowing the floor well. George Washington is confi-dent of winning, but those on the inside declare the Navy will come off with the long end of the battle.

Regulars Are In.

The Navy regulars, Von Heimberg, It is true in most cases that these Captain Calhoun, Clarke, Byers, But-'centers' have strong clubs, so that ler, Roberts, Welch, and Allen, are Captain Calhoun, Clarke, Byers, Butready to take their turn today. Novy has won three games this season, because of their situation, and with the expectation that such help as the national association may be able to give local enthusiasts in promoting

At any rate a Washington boy will

ORGANIZE FOOTBALL

Professionals Will Use Baseball Parks All Over Country.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 .- The organiza tion of professional football leagues similar to the big baseball circuits and the utilization of big league parks as gridirons after the baseball season is over, is a plan that is being considered by baseball magnates.

An agent of a professional team is in Chicago to confer with President Weeghman, of the Cubs, and Owner Comiskey, of the White Sox. Presi BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 3.—Members dent Navin, of the Detroit Ameri of the Woodland Golf Club, who have cans; Barney Dreyfus, of the Pirates

> York Giants, are said to be ready to Promoters point out that professional foot

GARRY IS CHOSEN

Commission Elects Chairman and Then Listens to Minors.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.-The National commission will be led by Garry Herrmann for another year, his election being held yesterday. John E. Bruce continues as secretary.

Representatives from the minor leagues thronged the offices. Class AA leaders asked that they be

the drafting season open September 25 instead of September 15. The smaller leagues asked that the commission lend its aid in reclass! fying the circuits. This was taken

eliminated from the annual draft, but

that if this could not be done, that

PICKS HIS TIGERS

Jennings Also Says That Four

Clubs Have Chance at Flag. SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 3 .- "Boston. Detroit, Chicago, and New York have chances of winning the 1917 pennant, All talk of his probable retirement is but I really think that the Tigers will but a bit of advertising, according to finish in front," says Hughey Jen- an American League official here nings, who is practicing law here this winter. "These four teams will make the first division, the one with the greater endurance winning the flag. "Cleveland's pitching staff will never carry the team beyond August 1. Connie Mack's boys won't be a toy for the rest of us next summer.

They'll put up a good fight every "I can't see any chance for Washington or St. Louis, though each club

FROWNS ON BOXING

has its stars."

New Governor of Michigan Does Not Favor Sport.

LANSING, Mick., Jan. 3.-Boxing promoters who planned a revival of Darcy for his first fight in this counthe game in Michigan as soon as Altry. John Reisler, of the Harlem bert E. Sleeper was inaugurated as Sporting Club, offered this amount governor are doomed to disappoint for a ten-round bout with the winner ment as the new chief executive does of the Weinert-Miske bout, scheduled not look with favor on fighting.
"If I have been quoted as being in favor of boxing bouts I am afraid Tex Rickard or any man Darcy should those who have quoted me have been given a wrong tip and will be dis-

appointed," declared Governor Sleeper day.

"I am not in favor of it and will do come to the sixth of the total to as Governor Ferris did. I will veto any bill that makes prizefighting legal

in this State. SPENCER TO COACH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 .- Tub baseball team of Santa Clara College. Spencer will take up his duties on many stars, including Hal Chase.

DONOVAN BELIEVES YANKS WILL SIGN

Jim and George Colliflower Op- Neither New York Club Looks For Any Trouble When Players Get Contracts.

By JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.-Manager Donovan, of the Yankees, arrived here yesterday, after spending the holidays at his home in Philadelphia, and he will busy himself for the next few days completing details for the Yanks' training trip. The new contracts, which were sent out from President Johnson's Chicago office on Monday, will be mailed to the unsigned players

this week. The Yankees to whom contracts will be sent are Pitchers Shawkey, Mogridge, Cullop, Russell, Shocker, and Love; Catchers Alexander and Walters; Infielders Pipp, Mullen, Baumann, and Aragon; Qutfielders

High, Miller, and Hendrix. The other veteran members of the club and the seven recruits who are to be taken to Macon in March are

already under contract. Is Not Disturbed. The Yankee leader is not disturbed

to any extent over the threat of a "The players will be well satisfied. am sure," said Donovan this morning, "and instead of battling for the cause of others, they will be glad to fall into line. They may hold back for a few days, but when they realize that the club owners are not bluffing about locking their gates, if neces-sary, they will hurry the papers

"It would be quite a treat to see some of those boys striking and thereby missing a few salary days. They'll be on deck when we want

Holdout In Ridleuled, At the Giants' offices the holdout threat is ridiculed. Manager McGraw will leave in a few days for Cuba and he plans to forget baseball until late in Pebruary, when he will leave Havana and go direct to the training camp at Marlin. If his players de sire to hold back with their signed contracts that fact will in no way interfere with the vacation of the

New York manager, Secretary John B. Foster of the Giants is no more concerned than is ing returned with the players signatures. Several of the Giants main-stays, including Kauff, Perritt and Sallee are under contract, and others, receive substantial increases in recog nition of their fine work during the latter part of the 1916 season.

No trouble is looked for in getting the members of the club into line. DRAKE TO RESUME

One-Time Great Race Figure Plans

to Stage a "Come-Back." NEW YORK, Jan. 3.-John Drake, who was a power on the turf, about a decade ago, will again become actively intrested in racing, according to information furnished by turfmen who have just returned from

England on the Kroonland. Phillip T. Chinn, one of the wellknown judges of horseflesh from the blue grass district, went abroad in the interest of Mr. Drake and during stable of twenty-five yearlings, most of the youngsters being destined to carry the Drake colors when the Chicagoan decides to sport silk again.

Mr. Chinn could not be found yes terday, but the information that he had purchased the racers for Mr. Drake was obtained from John O. Kenne, another Kentuckian, who had

cumulating weanlings to re-inforce his Keenland Stud at Lexington, Ky. CARRIGAN TO RETURN

His Presence Said to Have Been

Condition of Sale of Red Sox. NEW YORK, Jan. 3.-Bill Carrigan will manage the Red Sox next season.

"There never has been any doubt of Carrigan's return," says this official today, "since the league ratified the sale of the club to Frazee and Ward. The latter, being theatrical men, are now reaping the rewards of advertis ing. Why, Carrigan's affiliation with the club was one of the conditions of sale entered into by Lannin and Insiders in the league have

known this all along." OFFERS FAT PURSE

Reisler Will Give Darcy \$30,000 to

Meet Weinert-Miske Winner. NEW YORK, Jan. 3 .- Thirty thousand dollars was added today to the fast growing pile of offers to Les

for January 12. Reisler said he would deposit with designate, a forfeit of \$5,000. If the additional \$25,000 is not forthcoming before a date to be set for the match

spend on ice cream sodas and things WOULD REVIVE RACING

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 .- Revival of horse racing in Illinois, along legitimate lines, is the purpose of a bill that will Spencer, catcher of the Detroit Americans, was today signed to coach the next week by the Business Men's Association of Illinois. The bill hibits bookmaking, touts and profes-Friday. Santa Clara has produced sional gamblers and establishes a